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Hired To Murder JFK, Newspaper Quotes Man

PARIS (AP) — The newspaper L'Aurore published yesterday an account of a former French resident of Algeria who said that in 1961 he had been hired to kill President John F. Kennedy, but had withdrawn from the assignment at the last moment.

The newspaper said Jose Luis Romero, who now lives at an undisclosed place in South America, had signed a contract with a French book publisher for the story of his life.

THE ARTICLE, WRITTEN by Philippe Bernert and Camille Gilles, quoted Romero as saying the attempt on Kennedy's life was to have been made during the American president's visit to France to talk with Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Romero said that in Algiers he had been offered $460,000 through a man identified only as "Mike" who "visibly worked for certain secret services of the United States."